A PROCLAMATION

Againſt the REBELS in Armes in the VVeſtern Shires.

CHARLES, by the Grace of GOD, King of Great Britain, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, To all and ſundry Our good Subjects, Greeting. Whereas, by the clear and expreſſe Laws and Acts of Parliament of this Our Kingdom, it is declared to be High Treaſon for the Subjects of the ſame, or any number of them more or leſs, upon any ground or pretext whatſoever, to riſe or continue in Armes without Our ſpecial Authority and Approbation: And nevertheleſs, a Party of diſloyal perſons, diſ-affected to Our Government and Laws, who have formerly taſted of Our Royal Bounty and Clemency, whereunto they owe their lives and fortunes, having forfaulted the ſame by their former rebellious practiſes under the cloak of Religion, the ordinary colour and pretence of Rebellion; have now again riſen in Armes within the Stewartry of Kirkcudbrugh and Shires of Galloway, Air and other Weſtern Shires; and having in a hoſtile Way entred within the Town of Dumfries, have there and in other places of the Country, ſeiſed upon the perſons of divers of Our good Subjects and have plundered and robbed them, and others of their Horſes, Armes and other Goods, and have done and committed many outrages and treaſonable deeds and attempts againſt Our Authority, and againſt and upon Our loyal Subjects: And We, out of Our Royal tenderneſs for the Peace and Quiet of this Our ancient Kingdom, being careful to repreſs the ſaid Rebellion, and that ſimple people be not inſnared by the ſaids Rebels and their Emiſſaries, and involved in their Rebellion, and to take off all pretence of ignorance or excuſe; Do therefore, With advice of the Lords of Our Privy Council, declare the ſaid Inſurrection to be an open, manifeſt and horrid Rebellion, and High Treaſon, and that the Authors and Actors in the ſame and their Adherents, are and ought to be purſued as profeſt and declared Traitors to Us; And do hereby charge and command all perſons, who are in Armes againſt or Without Our Warrand and Authority, to deſiſt from their Rebellion and to lay down their Armes, and to render and preſent their perſons to the Lieutenant-General of Our Forces, or ſome other of Our Officers or Magiſtrates, within twenty four hours after publication hereof: With certification, that if they continue in rebellion after the ſaid time, they ſhall be holden and proceeded againſt as incorrigible deſperate Traitors, and that they ſhall be incapable of mercy and pardon. And We do diſcharge and command all Our Subjects, that no perſon preſume to aid, abette, aſſiſt, harbour, reſſet, or any Way ſupply the ſaids Rebels or any of them, under the pain of Treaſon, and that they do not keep correſpondence or intercommune with them, without Warrand of Our ſaid Lieutenant-General under the pain foreſaid: And We do expect in this juncture, and do require and command all Our Subjects to be aſſiſting to Our ſaid Lieutenant-General and Our Forces under him, and being required by him or others having Authority to that effect, to riſe in Armes With all their power, and to joyn and concur with them for repreſſing the ſaids Rebels, under the pain of Treaſon, if they refuſe or diſobey. And further, We do ſtrictly injoyn and command all Maſters of Families, Heretors and others Landlords and their Bailies, that they be careful and vigilant that their Children, Servants, Domeſticks, and their Tennents and others under their power, do not break out and joyn With the ſaids Rebels; Certifying them, if they be found negligent in their duty, or otherwayes culpable in that behalf, they ſhall be looked upon and ſeverely puniſhed as diſ-affected perſons, and favouring and complying With Rebels. And hereby We give Warrand and Command to Our Lyon King at Armes, and his brethren Heraulds, Purſevants, Macers or Meſſengers at Armes, to paſs to the Mercat-croſs of Edinburgh and other places needful, and make publication hereof: As alſo that theſe preſents be printed, that none pretend ignorance. Given under Our Signet at Edinburgh, the twenty one day of November, and of Our Reign the eighteenth year, one thouſand ſix hundred and ſixty ſix.

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